Rainbow Falls Provincial Park

Preliminary Management Plan

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INTRODUCTORY LETTER

I am pleased to present the preliminary management plan for Rainbow Falls Provincial Park. It provides statements of policy for the planning, management, operation and development of the park resources and attributes.

I sincerely hope that you will take this opportunity to give us your views on this plan. Your participation will assist us in refinements leading to the preparation of an approved park management plan for Rainbow Falls Provincial Park.

For any additional information, or to forward any comments you may have on the preliminary plan, please contact this office by August 31, 1988.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park is located on the north shore of Lake Superior between Schreiber and Rossport.(see Figure 1) The largest portion of the two-component park occupies 569ha on the western shores of Whitesand Lake in Killraine Township. The remaining park area, Rossport Provincial Campground, occupies 6.6 ha of Lake Superior shoreland. Both areas are immediately adjacent to the TransCanada Highway 17.

The present park area was first developed as Whitesand Park by the Rossport Conservation Club in 1951. In recognition of its local and tourism related recreational opportunities, the area was turned over to the Department of Lands and Forests in 1959. The area was formally established as Rainbow Falls Provincial Park in 1960 and regulated in 1963 (O. Reg. 117/63).

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park provides protection and representation of the natural beauty found in this portion of the north shore of Lake Superior. The key features and amenities in this provincial park are the series of zig-zag cascades for which the park is named, the trails and viewpoints, and the beaches.

The park is fortunate to be able to offer both the experience of Lake Superior and the alternative of a warmer, inland lake suitable for family oriented water-based recreational opportunities.

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park is highly accessible to tourists travelling the Lake Superior circle route. It mainly serves as a convenient rest-stop or overnight stopping point for highway travellers. The park serves an active role in the support of local and area tourism. It is also an important recreational facility for area residents who comprise 10-15% of the total park visitation.

The Rainbow Falls Provincial Park preliminary management plan proposes direction for the management and development of the park over the next 20 years.

2.0 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

An analysis of existing use and current park operations has identified one issue to be addressed in this plan. It is expected that other issues may be identified through the public review of this preliminary management plan.

Back-40 Campground Boat Launch

The boat launching facility located in the Back-40 Campground is used exclusively by several families having cottages outside the park on Whitesand Lake. These cottages do not have road access.

To accommodate this private use of the access point the Ministry of Natural Resources has had to provide persons with keys for the park gate during the off season, and free access during the park operating season. These actions are contrary to provincial park operating policy, and place an added burden and risk on park staff, while being inconsistent with the service and treatment we offer to other park visitors. The Ministry of Natural Resources proposes to discontinue private use of this site.

To resolve this situation it is proposed that the cottagers will be directed to the public boat launching facility located outside of the park. This would increase travel distance by about 2.5 km.

3.0 CLASSIFICATION

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park will continue to be classified as a recreation park, one of six classes of Ontario Provincial Parks.

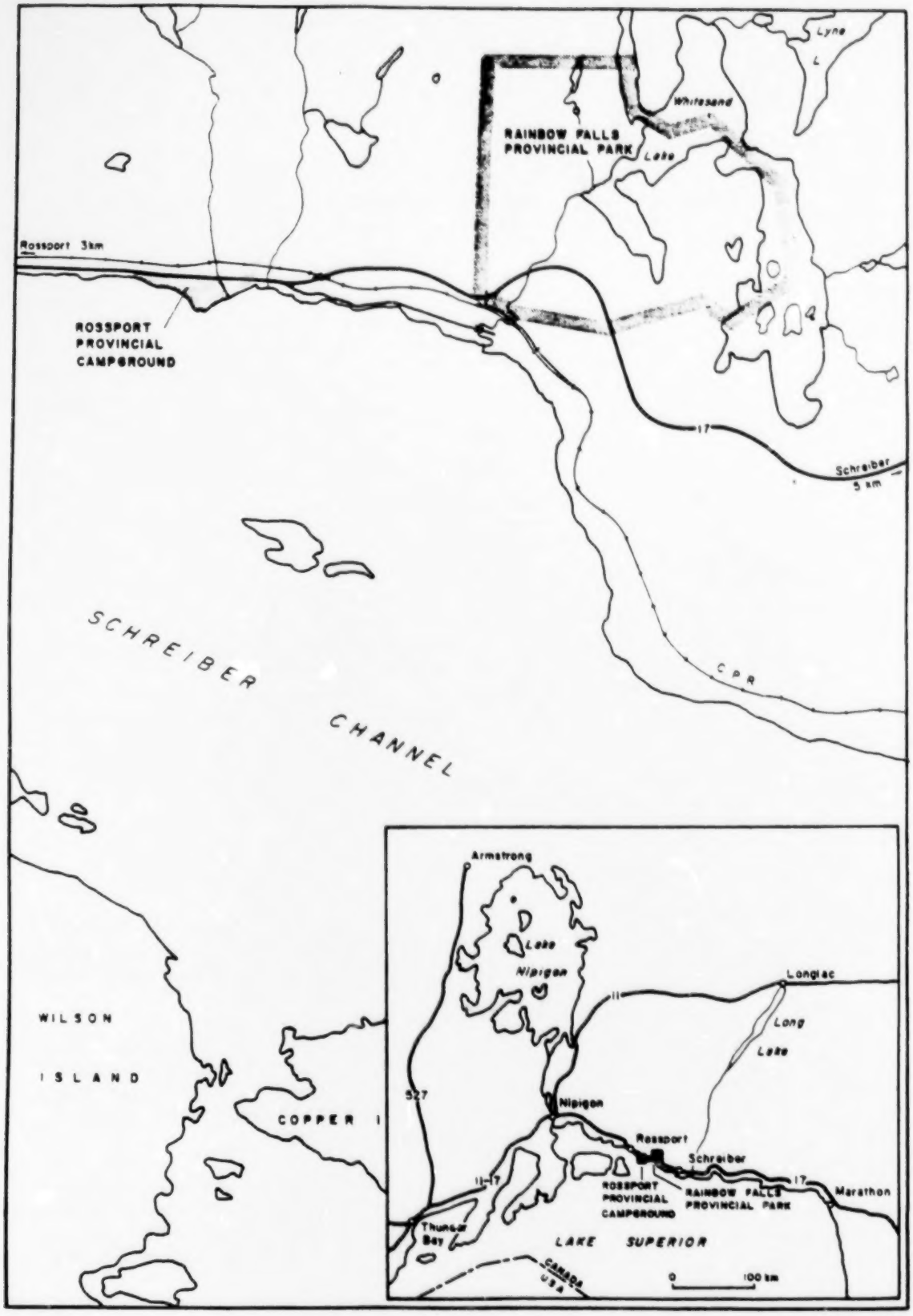
Recreation Parks are areas which support a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities for large numbers of people in attractive surroundings.

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park provides an attractive land base complementary to many outdoor recreational pursuits including, camping, hiking, boating,

Figure 1

RAINBOW FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK

Location



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picnicking, photographing/viewing, swimming and relaxing.

4.0 GOAL

The goal of Rainbow Falls Provincial Park is to provide a variety of quality outdoor recreation opportunities within the scenic landscapes of the north shore of Lake Superior.

This goal is consistent with that provided in the *Ontario Provincial Parks; Planning and Management Policies* document, which guides park management in the province.

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park forms part of the Ontario Provincial Parks System as established through the Parks System Planning Program and contributes to the provincial park targets established in the *Terrace Bay District Land Use Guidelines*.

5.0 OBJECTIVES

There are four established objectives of the Provincial Parks System: protection, recreation, heritage appreciation and tourism. Recreation class parks contribute principally to the achievement of the recreation, heritage appreciation, and tourism objectives.

5.1 Protection

To protect the recreational environment and natural and historical resources of Rainbow Falls Provincial Park.

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park does not contribute significantly to the representation of natural and cultural features within the Provincial Parks System. However, the park is situated in an area of great natural beauty and three historical sites have been identified at Rossport Campground.

5.2 Recreation

To provide high quality day-use and car camping opportunities and complementary recreational activities such as swimming, hiking, boating, fishing, canoeing photography/viewing and walking

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park will contribute to the achievement of the Provincial park recreation targets established in the *Terrace Bay District Land Use Guidelines*. The park has the capability to provide 52,000 camper nights and 4,800 day-use opportunities annually. At present, use is in the range of 22,000 to 27,000 camper nights and 1800 to 2200 day use opportunities annually.

The Casque-Isles section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail passes through the park. The park is often used as a home base for persons hiking this trail.

5.3 Heritage Appreciation

To provide opportunities for exploration and appreciation of the outdoor natural and cultural heritage of Ontario by continuing to serve as an excellent location from which to explore the north shore of Lake Superior.

The self-guiding interpretive trail will provide information and opportunities for visitors to discover and learn about the park and surrounding area. The Voyageur Hiking Trail provides an additional opportunity to appreciate the grandeur of Lake Superior.

When available, visitor services programs and facilities will provide increased opportunities for heritage appreciation.

5.4 Tourism

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park will continue to serve as a convenient stopping point for both Ontario residents and out-of-province visitors. Increased emphasis will be placed on attracting additional visitors and increasing the visitor length of stay, in order to maximize the contribution of the park to the area economy.

The average local expenditure per campsite stay is over $58.00 (MNR Camper Survey, 1983), pointing to the fact that the park is an important component of the local tourism industry.

6.0 BOUNDARY AND LAND TENURE

The park presently surrounds one patent land holding, (Lot 23, Plan M-94A), on Whitesand Lake. This 0.56 hectare private cottage site shown in Figure 2 is excluded from the park.

This parcel is important to the integrity of the park in order to control any future development that may conflict with park values through visual impairment of aesthetics or interference with park user enjoyment. This property will be acquired when offered for sale if sufficient funds are available. The landholder will be requested to provide the park with the first-right-of-refusal should the property become available for sale.

The owner of the private cottage within the park will be provided access to that property, beyond the park operating season.

7.0 ZONING

The lands and waters within Rainbow Falls Provincial Park have been zoned so that they may be allocated to their most appropriate use.

Two zone types, a development zone and a natural environment zone, will be used to guide the management of the park. These zones as shown in Figure 3 reflect a marked internal division of the park physiography and a corresponding variation in recreational potential and development.

7.1 Development Zone (107.6 ha)

The development zone encompasses the Rossport Campground, (6.6 ha) and the portion of the main park area adjacent to Highway 17, east of the Hewitson River, and surrounding the narrow bay of Whitesand Lake on which the falls is situated, (101 ha). This zone will provide opportunities for moderately intensive recreation, with the emphasis on car camping, day-use and related activities.

This zone incorporates the existing campgrounds, day-use areas the park administrative complex, and a small gravel pit.

User activity and recreational facility development will continue to be concentrated in the development zone.

Vegetation management will be carried out in this zone in order to rehabilitate sites, ensure user safety, and provide an aesthetically pleasing environment.

Three small historical sites are included in the Rossport Campground portion of this zone. Measures will be taken to protect these locations. The management of these sites is discussed in section 8.5.

7.2 Natural Environment Zone (468 ha)

This zone, which includes the remaining land and waters of the park, will provide opportunities for nature appreciation and low-intensity day-use recreation, supported by minimum development.

Trails, docks and a boat launch, to support hiking, boating, and fishing activity, will be the only development permitted in this zone.

8.0 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The management of the resources of Rainbow Falls Provincial Park will be in accordance with the recreation class park policies as set out in the document, *Ontario Provincial Parks - Planning and Management Policies*.

8.1 Fisheries Management

The brook trout stocking program is scheduled to continue approximately once every four years to provide

Figure 2

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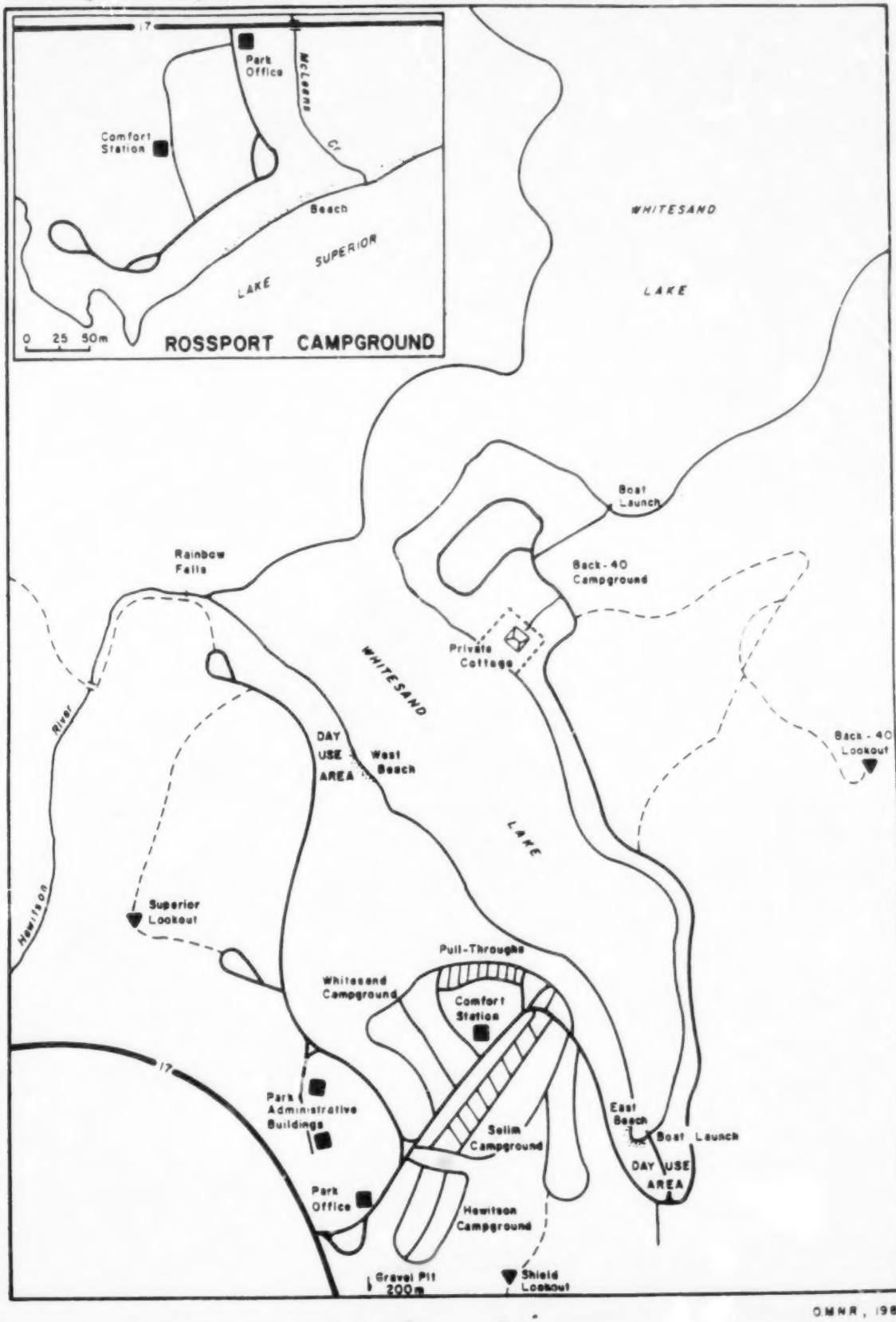
Existing Development



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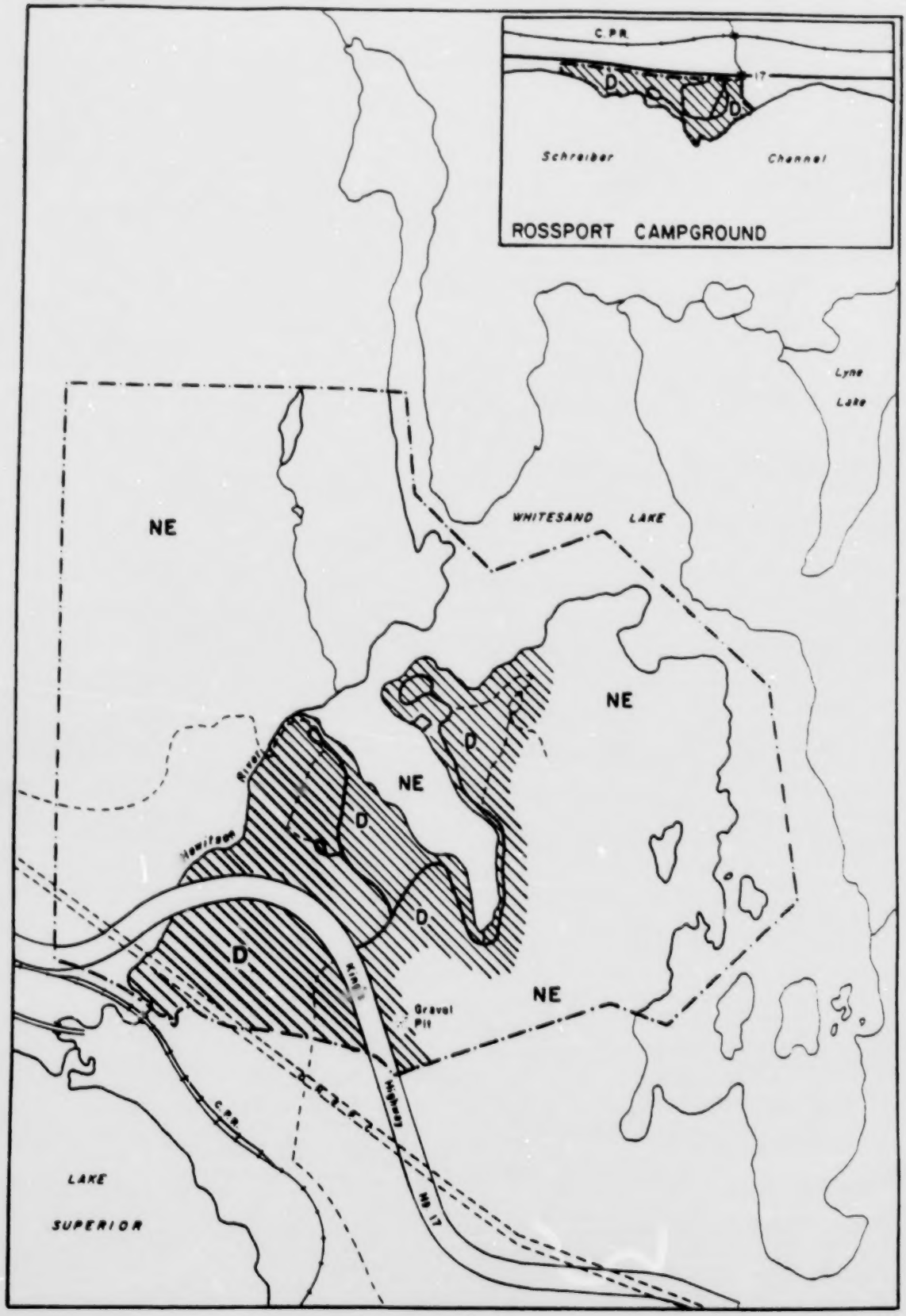

improved fishing opportunities both within and outside of park waters.

Commercial bait fishing is prohibited in the park waters.

8.2 Wildlife Management

Hunting and trapping are not permitted.

Nuisance animals will be controlled where it is essential for the protection of; human health and safety, park values, or the health of the species outside of the park. Live trapping or drug injection will be the normal control measures used to relocate the animal away from the area of encounters. In situations where these measures are not feasible, the animal may have to be destroyed. Nuisance animal control measures will be carried out under the strict supervision of, or directly by MNR staff.

The pond adjacent to the easternmost shore of the park will be accessed to provide additional wildlife viewing opportunities.

8.3 Vegetation Management

Commercial forestry operations are not permitted.

Vegetation management may be carried out throughout the park as required to achieve the park goal. Visitor safety, aesthetics, and the protection of park values are of primary consideration.

Measures to control insects and disease will be permitted where the aesthetic or natural values of the park, or values external to the park are threatened. Where control is necessary, it will be directly applied to the specific targeted insect or disease so as to have minimal effects on other components of the park environment. Biological and physical controls will be used whenever feasible.

The removal of dead and diseased trees on trails or in campgrounds, will be permitted as is deemed necessary for maintaining public safety.

The establishment of native plant and tree species will be undertaken to rehabilitate areas affected by resource or recreational use impacts.

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park is located in Intensive Fire Management Zone B as identified in the *Area Strategy for Fire Management - North Central Region, Ministry of Natural Resources* The suppression of wildfires in this zone is a priority. Fire suppression techniques will be used which have minimal effect on the park environment.

8.4 Landform Management

Erosion control work to enhance park values and public safety will be undertaken where and as required The lakefront adjacent to the campgrounds is a particular problem area.

The existing gravel pit within the park will be gated and used only for occasional park maintenance and small park development projects. Other uses of this site will be discontinued. Should the pit or areas of the pit no longer be required, site rehabilitation will occur.

8.5 Cultural Resources Management

The management of cultural resources will be directed to protection, heritage appreciation and research.

The Ministry of Natural Resources will work in conjunction with the Ministry of Culture and Communications (MCC) in the inventory and maintenance of any archaeological sites. If deemed appropriate and necessary for the protection and preservation of cultural resources, such inventory may include the excavations of archaeological sites.

Excavations by authorized licenced personnel with the appropriate research permits will be conducted under the supervision of the above named Ministries. Upon completion of excavation, the site or portions of the site will be returned to their original

condition, or will be developed for the purposes of interpreting the cultural resources inherent in the sites. The type and extent of such development will be determined by the findings from the excavation.

Although the park has never been subject to a detailed archaeological survey, three historical sites have been identified within the Rossport Campground by MCC. This Ministry also recommended appropriate management strategies for the sites.

Two of these are small backshore habitation areas, considered important because of the concentration of artifacts and the scarcity of similar sites in the area. As these sites are being eroded by camping activities, they will be capped with a thick layer of neutral soil (sand), pending a comprehensive archaeological survey and subsequent recommendations for site protection.

The third site is the mound-like feature centrally located in the campground, which resembles a Laurel Culture (200 A.D. ± 400 years) burial mound. Until demonstrated to be a natural feature, the mound will be managed as an historical site. Authorized research by qualified individuals may be permitted to determine the significance of the site.

9.0 OPERATIONS POLICIES

A Park Operations Plan will be prepared to provide park staff with the necessary information required to operate the park on a day-to-day basis. In addition to addressing the operations policies which follow, the strategy will include such topics as budget, staffing, maintenance schedules, enforcement and emergency services. The provisions of the plan will be consistent with the approved Ontario Provincial Parks Operating Standards, and will be reviewed annually and updated as required.

9.1 Visitor Services

Visitor services programming assists visitors to recognize, use and enjoy the recreational and educational potential of the Provincial Parks System. There are three components of visitor services; information, interpretation and recreation.

Visitor services programs will emphasize personal contact and self-use approaches to deliver park information, resource interpretation, recreation skills and park management messages.

The visitor services program delivery will be aided by the development of a visitor centre. The visitor centre, comprising a building and parking area will be situated at the trailhead of the Superior Lookout Trail. It will function primarily as a tourist information and outdoor recreation activity facility. The centre will be complemented by self-use trail guides and displays.

The recreational potential of the park and surrounding area will be a primary theme of visitor services programs, with interpretive themes playing a secondary role.

9.1.1 Information

A high quality public information service using print, audio visual and display media, organized programs and personal contact will furnish visitors with accurate information about the park resources. This service will provide information on the programs, attractions, facilities and regulations of the park.

Park literature will also direct visitors to attractions and services outside the park to enrich their experiences and generate local tourism expenditures. Information will also be provided on other Provincial Parks to encourage visitors to broaden their park experiences.

9.1.2 Interpretation

Interpretive programming will generally be low-key. It will focus on improving visitor appreciation of the natural, cultural and recreational features of the park and area. A secondary theme will focus on the features and objectives of the Schreiber Channel Provincial Nature Reserve.

As most park visitors are attracted to the Falls Trail the principal interpretive efforts will be directed to this area while being complemented by other park information facilities. A self-use trail system with associated signs and displays will provide on-site interpretive facilities at the falls.

The proposed visitor centre will serve as a facility where interpretation can take place through indoor evening programs, demonstrations and personal contacts with program staff.

The Casque Isles Section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail will be promoted as a significant area resource for quality heritage appreciation opportunities. In conjunction with the Voyageur Trail Association, efforts will be made to produce an interpretive trail guide.

9.1.3 Recreation

Recreation information will acquaint park visitors with the recreational attributes of the park and the skills required to best use and enjoy the park and local area.

The primary recreational facilities which provide walking and hiking opportunities are the park trails and the Casque-Isles section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail. These trails provide best opportunities for appreciation of the areas natural resources in the park and surrounding area.

Trail use will be complemented by the proposed Visitors Centre situated at a park lookout on the Casque-Isles section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail. It will serve as a nucleus for all park activities and programs. It will orient visitors to the natural recreational attributes of the north shore of Lake Superior while serving as a base for all recreational programming.

Recreation programming will consist of organized activities aimed at bringing the park visitor in contact with the recreational features of the park. A sample list of activities would include canoe excursions, campfire programs, star gazing, hikes. Interpretation will occur on a minor level at these events.

Skills instruction will form an integral part of the recreation program. Such instruction will be provided to improve the park visitor's recreational experience, to acquaint the park visitors with recreational activities that are new to them, and to educate park visitors in order to diminish destructive uses. Examples of topics of instruction are canoeing and hiking techniques, trip requirements, safe practices and emergency procedures, available camping equipment and sources of supply.

Outside associations will be encouraged to complement the skills instruction, e.g. Ontario Provincial Police .

Special events such as fish derbies and sailboard days will be included in the recreation program.

Self-use facilities will be improved to provide the visitor with a means of better experiencing the park, occupying free time, and meeting fitness and play requirements.

Two children's creative playgrounds will be installed - one at the west day-use beach and one within the campground on Whitesand Lake. A fitness/walking trail will be developed between the Whitesand Campground and the falls area. The hiking opportunities within the park will be improved by extending both the Back-40 and Falls Trails into loop systems.

The popular Falls Trail will be upgraded east of the river. At the falls, a boardwalk and viewing pods will be built to enable most visitors to access the falls, and gain an appreciation for the resources of the park.

Cross-country skiing on the campground roads will be encouraged as a winter park activity. Appropriate temporary facilities for skiing may be permitted.

9.2 Research

Research which contributes to the knowledge of natural and cultural history, and to environmental and recreation management in the park will be encouraged. All research programs must be compatible with the park goal and objectives, and must receive prior approval and be conducted in accordance with the research policy directive. Research being conducted must also meet all other applicable provincial and federal government requirements and will be monitored by MNR staff.

Archaeological research will also require approval and be monitored by the Ministry of Culture and Communications. Should provincially significant features/resources be found, a plan amendment may occur to ensure that protection will be granted through appropriate zoning or revision of plan policies.

An archaeological survey of Rossport Campground is recommended as a research project which could prove significant to the park.

9.3 Recreation Management

Recreational activities that are incompatible with the goal and objectives of the park will not be permitted. Protection of the recreational environment is a key concern.

The removal of all day-use facilities from the campgrounds will serve to separate the two user groups, thus minimizing traffic in the campground, while improving camper safety and campground management.

As the Back-40 boat launch site is no longer used or required as a park facility, the site will be closed and both the launch site and access road rehabilitated. An alternate boat launch ramp is available on Whitesand Lake for public access to the cottages north of the park. Park visitors will utilize the ramp to be developed at the west beach/falls area.

Snowmobiling will be permitted only on the main park road leading to the west beach, and on Whitesand Lake. This will allow winter access to the private cottage within the park as well as public access to Whitesand Lake. This use will not interfere with the cross-country skiing opportunities and will often provide a good walking path to the falls.

Aircraft landings will not be permitted.

Back-country camping will not be permitted within Rainbow Falls Provincial Park, but will be encouraged as a desirable activity on the Casque-Isles section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail.

The Shield Lookout Trail will be closed and allowed to return to a natural state. Alternate hiking/viewing opportunities are provided by the other park trails.

9.4 Tourism Services

No commercial tourism services are presently offered or proposed for the park. A private commercial facility operates on Highway 17, 3 km east of the park. The proprietor will be encouraged to continue to offer the type and range of services looked for by park visitors.

The park visitor centre will function as a primary area tourist information facility. A co-operative effort, involving the local towns and village and other government agencies, will be pursued to provide the greatest service and maximum economic benefits.

9.5 Marketing

A Marketing Plan will be developed for the park in accordance with established Ministry policy and procedures. It will be reviewed annually and revised as required. Marketing activities will be consistent with the North Central Region Marketing Plan.

The main objectives of the Park Marketing Plan are to increase use of

the park, and to maximize the benefits of the park to the area tourism economy by:

i) continuing to attract present users;
ii) attracting new users
iii) promoting Rainbow Falls Provincial Park as a destination park and encouraging users to visit the local tourist attractions and use the local services; and

Potential marketing methods include:

- the use of advertising, newsletters and media articles to alert groups and individuals to the park operating dates, services and features
- expanding recreational programs and facilities to meet user desires and needs
- co-operating, wherever possible, with the adjacent federal, provincial and private parks to promote area tourism

A primary target group will be persons travelling the Lake Superior circle tour.

10.0 DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

In the case of Rainbow Falls Provincial Park, an established and operating park, a major development program is not required. The most significant developments will entail the upgrading and replacement of existing recreational facilities and the provision of additional opportunities in the developed sector of the park, (see Figures 4a, 4b).

All development within the park will be consistent with the park goal and help to achieve park objectives by providing additional opportunities for recreation, tourism, exploration, discovery, and appreciation of the outdoor natural heritage of Ontario.

Facilities will be developed during the twenty-year life of the management plan based on priority and subject to the availability of funds as determined through through work program planning. All development will be carried out in accordance with approved site and development plans which detail the location, form and extent of permitted development.

All new recreational facility development will be planned to provide access for handicapped persons. The existing facilities will be renovated, where feasible, to provide this service.

10.1 Campgrounds

Due to site development limitations, further expansion of the campgrounds will not be undertaken. Instead proposed development will provide new and improved facilities which will serve in part to attract more visitors and have the Park operate more efficiently. In order to provide a variety of car-camping opportunities, two levels of service will be provided.

The Back-40 Campground will be reopened and serve as an area for a less elaborate and nature-oriented type of experience. Individual campsites may be closed, permanently or temporarily, to prevent site deterioration and permit rehabilitation, or to improve the quality of adjacent campsites by providing buffer zones.

The remaining campgrounds will be developed to provide socially-oriented, recreational camping opportunities in close proximity to comfort amenities.

The access roads in the Selim, Whitesand and Hewitson Campgrounds will be realigned permitting the development of individual one-way campground loops. This will greatly improve traffic flows.

Shower facilities and electrically serviced campsites will be provided in Rossport Campground. Providing serviced sites in the Hewitson Campground is the next priority, to encourage use of this area.

A childrens play area and playground will be developed in the Whitesand Campground. A fitness/walking trail will link the campground and west beach area.

The day-use area at the east beach will be redeveloped for group activities. The

Figure 4A

RAINBOW FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK

Proposed Development

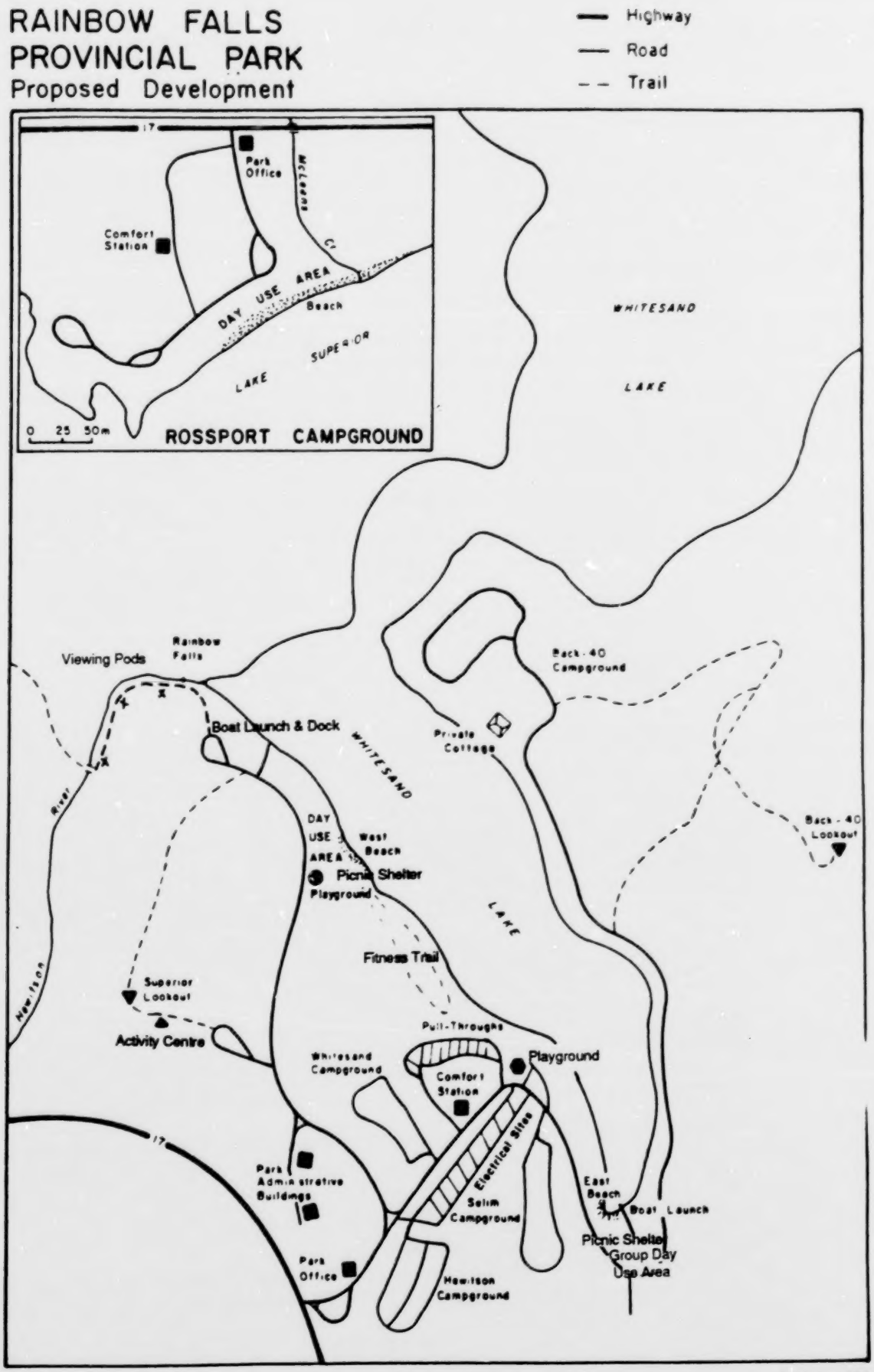

Figure 4B

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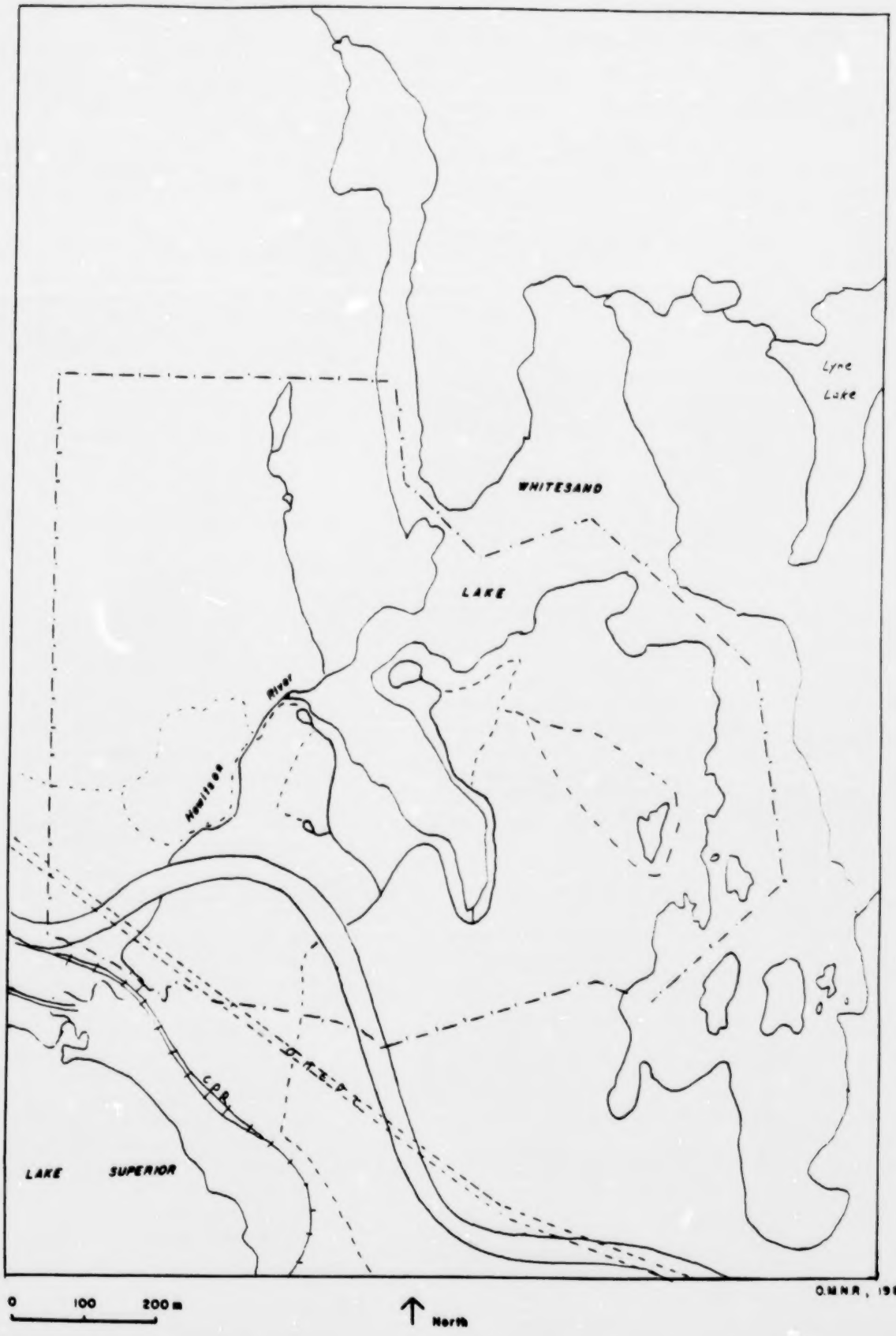
Proposed Development



existing boat launch at this location will be removed. A picnic shelter will be constructed.

The Rossport Campground will receive extensive redevelopment work to install campsite parking spurs, establish campsite buffers, and improve traffic circulation.

The Back-40 Trail will be extended to loop into the eastern lowlands portion of the Natural Environment zone.

10.2 Day-Use Areas

The west beach and falls area will be developed as a significant tourism and recreational resource.

The west beach area will be expanded. A boat launch ramp, dock and parking area will be developed between the falls and beach, available to both campers and day-users. Development will include a picnic shelter and children's creative playground. Additional parking sites will be provided at the falls.

The Falls Trail will be extended as a loop trail west of the river and upgraded to provide improved access and viewing opportunities.

A lakefront day-use parking and picnic area will be developed at Rossport Campground. This will involve the closure of several popular campsites, but will ensure opportunities for all visitors to access and enjoy the beach and scenery.

10.3 Visitor Centre

A visitor centre will be established to promote the tourism and recreation objectives of the park.

This facility will be developed to serve a multi-purpose role. It will be used for indoor activities, housing displays, area tourism promotion, and minor administrative purposes.

11.0 IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

Implementation of the management plan will involve the preparation and carrying out of resource management plans, visitor services programming and the development of approved facilities.

The implementation strategy has been grouped into three operational categories. Within each category, items are ranked in order of priority. The intent of this strategy is to provide a logical, ordered approach to guide the implementation of the park management plan policies.

Day-Use Areas

Completion of the projects within this category will provide complete day-use tourism and recreation opportunities at the west beach/falls area.

- boat launch ramp and dock
- Falls Trail development
- picnic/beach area expansion and developments
- visitor centre
- extend/loop Falls Trail

Rossport Campground

Completion of the projects in this category will provide improved recreational opportunities and protection of the historical resources at this campground.

- showers ***(done 1988)***
- archaeological sites protection
- day-use area
- campsite rehabilitation/electrical services

Whitesand Lake Area Campground

Completion of the projects in this category will provide a variety of high quality car-camping recreational opportunities.

- electrical services - Hewitson Campground ***(done 1988)***
- access road realignments
- re-open Back-40 Campground
- east beach developed for group use
- closure and rehabilitation of Back-40 boat launch site
- facility improvements - playground, trails

12.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The general public was advised of the intent to prepare a management plan for Rainbow Falls Provincial Park through newspaper advertisements in January, 1985.

In addition, the two local municipalities and the cottagers who utilize the park for access purposes were notified directly.

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